paramilitary forces. Three per cent seats in all fresh admissions are reserved for the physically handicapped children. In case of discretionary quota for admissions to Kendriya Vidyalayas in 2006, the disabled children were given representation.

IISER at Trivandrum

609. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to start Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) On the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM), the Ministry has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Trivandrum.

Free education to girls

610. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to provide free education to girls upto senior secondary level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002 provides for free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years as a Fundamental Right under Article 21A of the Constitution in such manner as the State may, by law, determine.